the National Seminar on Methodological Issues in the Fixation of Minimum Support Prices are under consideration of the Government.

Crop estimation survey by Government of Madhya Pradesh

†2016. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Madhya Pradesh has formulated crop estimation survey on fruit and vegetable scheme with a view to have estimation of crops and horticulture computation and statistics across Madhya Pradesh;

(a) whether Government have received proposals amounting to four crore rupees for the above said purposes; and

(c) by when this amount is expected to be sanctioned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) to (c) A scheme of crop estimation Survey on Fruits and Vegetables (CES-F&V) is under implementation by the Government of India through the State Governments on pilot basis in eleven States, other than Madhya Pradesh and some other States, covering 7 fruits and 7 vegetables crops.

Directorate of Horticulture and Farm Forestry, Government of Madhya Pradesh submitted a proposal of Rupees 671.90 lakh in November, 2005 for a period of six years from 2006-07 to 2011-12 to cover the State under the Scheme of Crop Estimation Survey of Fruits and Vegetables (CES-F& V). However, the Planning Commission and the Ministry of Finance have not agreed to extend the scheme to other States.

Arable land and land holding

2017. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total area of arable land under actual cultivation, in the country, at present;

(b) what is the size of average land holding, at present, and whether it is economically viable;

(c) what are adverse fallout of decrease in the size of holding; and

(d) the steps taken by Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a): As per the land use statistics for the year 2005-06 the total area of arable land under cultivation is around 183 million hectares in the country.

(b) As per 'Agricultural Census 2000-01', the average size of land holding in the country is 1.32 hectares. Economic viability of land holdings depend on whether

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.